

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY JULY 7, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California, Southwest and Rocky Mountain Areas and light elsewhere with 242 new fires reported. Six new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest, Northwest, Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin, Southern, and Southern California Areas. Five large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest, Northwest, Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin, and Southern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Active, wind driven fire behavior was observed during the evening hours in mixed conifer, brush and grass; during the day, the fire experienced short, upslope runs and short range spotting. Crews are holding and patrolling established fireline and conducting burn out operations on the south perimeter as conditions permit. A voluntary evacuation of 200 residences in the Tucson foothills and the Ventana Resort occurred yesterday; structure protection is in place.

ENCEBADO, Taos Northern Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This plume dominated fire is in timber and brush, one mile south of Taos Pueblo, NM. Extreme fire behavior with torching, sustained crown fire and spotting up to three quarters of a mile ahead of the front was observed. Crews disengaged from suppression activities for several hours yesterday due to extreme fire behavior. Dozers are constructing fireline on the east perimeter and crews are flanking the fire to the north and south. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

DRY LAKE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Duncan) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry Lake, Sycamore, Moonshine and Granny fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Due to lower relative humidity, increased fire behavior throughout the complex was observed in pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass. Crews are holding fireline along the northeast side of the Dry Lake fire in order to protect endangered species habitat.

GOAT, Gila National Forest, This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper, oak and grass, seven miles southwest of Glenwood, NM. Minimal fire behavior was observed with creeping and backing.

POWELL, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hiatt) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in ponderosa pine, grass, gambel oak and manzanita, 23 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	76,000	55	UNK	857	12	80	7	333	11.6M
ENCEBADO	NM	TAA	3,000	0	UNK	340	9	49	1	0	300K
DRY LAKE COMPLEX	NM	GNF	60,210	0	UNK	103	5	0	4	0	2M
GOAT	NM	GNF	500	0	UNK	NR	0	2	0	0	3K
POWELL	AZ	GCP	3,500	0	UNK	17	0	0	0	0	381K
INDEPENDENCE	AZ	CRA	450	100	---	85	2	18	0	0	64K

CRA = Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

FAWN PEAK/SWEET GRASS, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) has been ordered. The complex, comprised of the Fawn Peak, Sweetgrass and Farewell fires, is 13 miles north of Winthrop, WA. The Sweetgrass and Fawn Peak fires have been contained. Moderate fire behavior was observed in sub-alpine fir and heavy timber on the Farewell fire. Crews are constructing indirect attack fireline with support from aerial resources. Very remote access and dangerous terrain are hampering suppression efforts. Precautionary evacuations of the Andrews Creek drainage and the Camp Four Campground remain in place.

RATTLESNAKE CANYON, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in timber and brush, 23 miles southeast of Keller, WA. Observed fire behavior included torching and spotting. The fire made a major run today doubling in size.

LINK, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Torching, running and spotting were observed in mixed conifer. Crews successfully completed burn out operations.

WILLOW, Umatilla National Forest. This fire is in timber with heavy down fuels, 25 miles north of Pomeroy, WA. Minimal fire behavior was observed creeping and smoldering

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FAWN PEAK/ SWEET GRASS	WA	OWF	1,628	5	UNK	767	34	7	11	0	2.5M
RATTLESNAKE CANYON	WA	COA	2,500	0	UNK	175	5	10	0	0	NR
LINK	OR	DEF	800	70	7/8	521	15	11	2	0	250K
WILLOW	OR	UMF	120	50	7/12	37	2	2	0	0	NR
DAVIS	OR	DEF	21,181	100	---	937	26	39	3	0	4.7M

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA:

YANKEE GULCH, Western Slope Center, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush, 35 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. The fire is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Personnel are improving existing fireline, conducting burn out operations in the Black Sulphur drainage, and monitoring fire behavior.

BEAVER, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest. This fire is in timber, nine miles south-southwest of Placerville, CO. Minimal fire activity was observed. Personnel are improving natural fuel breaks to confine the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
YANKEE GULCH	CO	CRD	650	0	UNK	14	0	2	1	0	23K
BEAVER	CO	GMF	130	25	7/8	37	1	2	1	0	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BAKERS HOLE, Gallatin National Forest. This fire is in lodgepole pine, sagebrush and grass, six miles north of West Yellowstone, WY. Crews are using Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques where possible.

BLUE PULASKI, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Fish and Wildlife Service. This fire is burning in grass and timber, 24 miles north of Jordan, MT. Interior smoldering and creeping was observed. Crews are mopping up and cold trailing the fire. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BAKERS HOLE	MT	GNF	125	50	7/10	79	2	5	3	0	NR
BLUE PULASKI	MT	CMR	1,920	95	7/7	60	2	11	2	0	300K
DIXON COMPLEX	MT	FHA	590	100	---	332	11	13	1	0	1.1M
MILL CREEK	MT	FHA	730	100	---	6	0	0	0	0	20K

FHA = Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

HI CROW, Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and sagebrush three miles east of Boise, ID. Significant flame lengths and rapid spread were observed. Crews are constructing direct attack fireline and conducting burn out operations as needed. Ten residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, 25 miles west of Blanding, UT. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Occasional torching, short uphill runs and long range spotting were observed in mixed conifer and brush. Crews completed fireline construction and burn out operations on the south and west flanks.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HI CROW	ID	BOD	400	60	7/7	180	4	18	3	0	NR
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	2,676	50	7/9	160	4	8	3	0	390K
ROCKY KNOLL	ID	IFD	300	100	---	110	3	8	1	0	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

OCHOA, Anadarko Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles northwest of Anadarko, OK. No further information received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OCHOA	OK	ANA	320	10	UNK	33	0	10	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DINLEY	CA	TUU	200	100	---	104	4	3	0	0	NR

TUU = Tulare Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: Low humidity and areas of north 20-35 mph with higher gusts over and south of the Santa Inez mounts of Santa Barbara County and the I-5 Grapevine Corridor of Western Angeles NF for night and early morning hours. Also low humidity and west to northwest winds 20-35 mph with higher gusts over the Antelope Valley.

Weather Discussion: Strong high pressure will continue over the West. However, an upper level disturbance over the Pacific will move across eastern Oregon, Idaho and into Montana late Monday and Tuesday. In the East, a frontal system with showers will be moving across the Great Lakes area. Showers and thundershowers will also be found along the East coast and Gulf coast regions. In Alaska, high pressure covers the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Hot and dry.	Idaho, and the Bridger-Teton 69 to 82, mountains, 83 to 96 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip 76 to 90 higher elevations, 90 to 107 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, northern half of Utah 8 to 26% mountains, 3 to 17% valleys. Southern half of Utah and Arizona Strip 2 to 11%.	Variable or west to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear except for night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and coastal valleys.	60 near the coast. Inland mid 70s and 80s higher elevations and 80s and 90s lower elevations.	7 to 15% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 12 to 22% west of the crest.	Southwest to northwest 6 to 14 mph gusts to 20 mph east of the Sierra Cascade Crest.

<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.</p>	<p>80 to 100 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper desert. 105 to 115 low desert.</p>	<p>5 to 15% deserts. 5 to 15% mountains. 10 to 20% valleys.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph, except northwest 20 to 35 mph with higher gusts over and below the Santa Inez mountains of Santa Barbara County and over the I-5 Grapevine corridor of the western Angeles Forest night and early morning hours. Also west to northwest 20 to 35 mph with higher gusts over the Antelope Valley.</p>
<p>SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy and dry most of Arizona and west New Mexico. Isolated thunderstorms eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Isolated wet/dry thunderstorms central New Mexico.</p>	<p>80s mountains, 98 to near 115 lower elevations.</p>	<p>25 to 40% west Texas and far eastern New Mexico. 5 to 15% elsewhere.</p>	<p>West to northwest 10 to 15 mph gusting to 25 over higher elevations Arizona. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph western Texas. 5 to 15 with local gusts to 20 mph elsewhere.</p>
<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered thunderstorms north and east. Isolated mainly dry thunderstorms over portions of southern and western Colorado</p>	<p>Highs in the 80s north, upper 80s to mid 90s south.</p>	<p>8 to 18% western sections, except 15 to 30% over the mountains. 30 to 40% east and north.</p>	<p>Breezy west winds 8 to 16 mph in western sections, with an easterly flow of 10 to 20 mph over northeast sections, and a southerly flow of 15 to 25 mph over the southeast.</p>
<p>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny skies statewide and hot, with localized gusty late afternoon winds.</p>	<p>Low 90s to low 100s valleys, 80s mountains, 70s and 80s in the Sierras, with a maximum of 110 in the southern deserts.</p>	<p>3 to 14% at lower elevations, 5 to 20% in upper elevations and 15 to 25% in the Sierras.</p>	<p>West or southwest at 10 to 15 mph with localized gusts to 20 to 30 mph.</p>



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

● The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior and difficulty of control.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Locally significant values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more.

● Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the PocketCard for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES	2	1			12	6	21
	ACRES	1	457			8	653	1,119
Northern California	FIRES	9				32	10	51
	ACRES	4				14	2	20
Southern California	FIRES		5	1	2	58	11	77
	ACRES		101	1	1	436	30	569
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	1			12	9	31
	ACRES	54	12			11	100	177
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			4	4	13
	ACRES		241			431	323	995
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3		3		1	7
	ACRES		1		5		0	6
Southwest	FIRES	2				15	9	26
	ACRES	1				77	9	87
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			2	7	12
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						9	9
TOTAL	FIRES	22	18	1	5	137	59	242
	ACRES	60	812	1	6	977	1,126	2,982

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	14	16	10	321	7	370
	ACRES	20	1,418	63,144	3,517	206,199	0	274,298
Northwest	FIRES	98	53	5	12	463	174	805
	ACRES	4,436	677	2	11	2,844	22,003	29,973
Northern California	FIRES	66	7	1	5	825	173	1,077
	ACRES	30	0	1	6,510	11,005	624	18,170
Southern California	FIRES	39	35	6	7	1,056	226	1,369
	ACRES	802	1,912	356	3	10,652	808	14,533
Northern Rockies	FIRES	574	17	20	2	237	150	1,000
	ACRES	4,666	55	2,971	0	16,443	1,608	25,743
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	15	209	1	5	181	194	605
	ACRES	15,321	32,445	100	0	4,028	2,783	54,677
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	147	1	5	27	27	210
	ACRES	0	1,608	0	5	508	614	2,735
Southwest	FIRES	409	95	14	9	574	908	2,009
	ACRES	2,621	3,460	1,298	3,391	12,212	116,421	139,403
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	54	274	23	17	451	144	963
	ACRES	387	150	1,659	202	3,387	755	6,540
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	16	8,198	406	9,591
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	107,375	5,509	172,645
Southern Area	FIRES	106		16	11	10,355	313	10,801
	ACRES	20,518		3,720	756	151,546	8,778	185,318
TOTAL	FIRES	2,271	851	169	99	22,688	2,722	28,800
	ACRES	100,987	41,725	80,141	15,080	526,199	159,903	924,035

Ten Year Average Fires	44,776
Ten Year Average Acres	1,612,455

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	90	146	3		217	484
	ACRES	5,351	10,896	4,675	123		28,180	49,225
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	102	16		127	258
	ACRES	31	273	16,201	2,193		9,712	28,410
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	2,962		13,641	17,251
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	314	432
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	15,011	31,020
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	12	32	19	4	3	226	296
	ACRES	3,332	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,043
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	84	9	10	74	217
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,654	9,542	132	5,883	31,265
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	443	194	986
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,470	26,708	173,627
Southern Area	FIRES	53		259	65	11,457	1,143	12,977
	ACRES	19,379		91,600	81,990	715,304	881,098	1,789,371
TOTAL	FIRES	157	178	994	124	11,951	2,409	15,813
	ACRES	40,893	45,552	230,677	104,590	798,133	1,029,791	2,249,636

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1		0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		10	11
	ACRES				750		83,273	84,023
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		1	18
	ACRES		697		0		1	698
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	8	0	19	42
	ACRES	0	697	0	1,581	0	83,275	85,553

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	535	4,051
Yukon Territory	1	0	50	3,850
Alberta	2	0	503	2,459
Northwest Territory	1	0	56	8,356
Saskatchewan	0	0	255	38,851
Manitoba	1	371	680	210,154
Ontario	4	1	630	296,552
Quebec	2	0	489	49,742
Newfoundland	0	0	101	1,148
New Brunswick	0	0	149	177
Nova Scotia	0	0	202	1,267
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	22	364
Total	11	372	3,672	616,972

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	1	1								
Northwest	32	61	20	73	6	14			438	240
Northern California	7		10		1					
Southern California	11	34	29	49	5	7			2	52
Northern Rockies	26	2	41	19	7	7			64	16
Eastern Great Basin	15	6	60	13	12	4	2		61	5
Western Great Basin	2				1					
Southwest	27	4	52	99	8	4			311	162
Rocky Mountain	3	1	8			2			17	1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			2	8					1	1
Total	124	109	222	261	40	38	2	0	894	477

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